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Dear Ed:

I've always considered you a teacher of teachers and a most gentle gentleman. I remember fondly your lecturing my students at Tulane (and your listening to a cassette I happened to have on my desk of one of your earlier talks). You'll never know how many times I refer to you and your profound influence I guess there'll be no Nobel Awards, because on World Medicine. you followed a different drummer: not DNA, rather saving millions of peoples' lives. The pharmaceutical industry ought to erect a platinum statue for you. They won't. And you don't need You are too modest and humble a person for statues and awards. But I bet you get some great REM sleep at night, realizing that your life has meant so much. You gave direction to a major therapeutic void.

And now, this 63 year old teacher has developed hypertension too. Because of your pioneer work, I am not anxious, but reassured. I know where I can get help if my regimen fails.

God bless!

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